

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Mark Merkel for his
contributions to his community and the State of Indiana.

Ripley

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



Introduced

First Regular Session 112th General Assembly (2001)

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Whereas, Mark Merkel was born into a farming family in Ripley County;

Whereas, Mark grew up as an active 4-H member and student of agriculture;

Whereas, upon graduating from high school, Mark enrolled in the School of Agriculture at Purdue University;

Whereas, Mark served a term in the Air Force Reserves at Grissom Air Force Base while working in the Office of the Dean of the School of Agriculture at Purdue;

Whereas, on December 1, 1969, Mark joined the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service as a 4-H and Youth Agent;

Whereas, throughout his career Mark has helped thousands of young people grow and develop into productive members of our society;

Whereas, Mark's peers have recognized him as a leader;

Whereas, he served Purdue Extension as the President of



the Indiana Extension Agents Association (IEAA) 4-H Section from 1975 to 1976, the overall President of the IEAA from 1977 to 1978, and President of the lambda chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) Extension Honorary from 1999 to 2000. He also served two terms as Regional Coordinator for Communicator Awards for the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA);

Whereas, Mark has won numerous awards and honors including the NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award, ESP Distinguished Service Award, IEAA Career Youth Educator Award and the Indiana Extension Educators Association (IEEA) County Staff Award;

Whereas, Mark has served the greater good for Extension throughout Indiana while selflessly serving on several IEEA committees;

Whereas, in addition to his Extension responsibilities, Mark has served as First Assistant in the Indiana State Fair Cattle Barns for five years and as a 4-H Show Manager for an additional five years;

Whereas, Mark assisted his wife, Judi while she served two terms as State Fair Board President;

Whereas, Mark began and continues his Extension career in Adams County where he has been a tremendous benefit;

Whereas, Mark serves on numerous community organizations and boards, including having served as President of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce (1994), Adams County Plan Commission for twenty-eight years and as secretary for four years and as Adams County Park and Recreation Board for twenty five years and as secretary for ten years;

Whereas, Mark is a founding member of the Adams County Community Foundation (ACCF) Board and serves as



its secretary;

Whereas, Mark is the Chairperson of the ACCF Scholarship Committee;

Whereas, Mark is a member of the Adams County Substance Awareness and Abuse Council, the Board of Directors for the Bank of Geneva and is also on the Church Council at St. Mary's of the Presentation;

Whereas, Mark has served as the United Way Agriculture Division Co-Chairperson;

Whereas, Mark was honored by Future Farmers of America with an Honorary Chapter Degree and a Distinguished Service Award;

Whereas, Mark was selected as the 2000 Grand Marshall for the Adams County 4-H Fair, which was also the 50th Anniversary Fair. Mark was responsible for the overall 4-H Fair efforts, which resulted in the most successful 4-H Fair in Adams County history;

Whereas, Mark and his wife, Judi reside in rural Geneva, Indiana where they have lived for the 33 years of their marriage. They have one daughter, Angie Merkel Brown, who resides with her husband, Jimmy in Fort Wayne. Mark and Judi are the proud grandparents of Madeline, Ethan and Noah;

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the General Assembly of the State of Indiana
2 honors Mark Merkel for his many contributions to his community and
3 his state.



1 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of
2 Representatives is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Mr.
3 and Mrs. Mark Merkel and to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and
4 Mrs. Jimmy Brown.

